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ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES: REQUEST FOR MULTILATERAL
INFORMATION ON HOST GOVERNMENTS

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1. FOLLOWING IS RESPONSE TO QUESTIONNAIRE PARA 7 OF
REFTEL.

2. PRIMARY MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS AND OBJECTIVES OF YAR
IN 1976 LARGELY CONSIST OF HOPES TO EXPAND, RATHER THAN
CUT,NFNDP PROGRAM IN YEMEN AND PRESS NEGOTIATIONS WITH
WORLD BANK FOR SEVERAL MAJOR PROJECTS WHICH PLANNED
FOR YEMEN. GIVEN DEVELEOPMENT RELATIONSHIPS WITH US AND
IN PARTICULAR POSSIBILITY OF NEW ARMS SUPPLY RELATION-
SHIP, YAR APPARENTLY INTENDS TO "NEUTRALIZE ITSELF"
ON SEVERAL OF MOST CONTENTIONS EAST-WEST ISSUES
(LIKE KOREA) WHERE IT HAD PREVIOUSLY VOTED WITH
COMMUNIST STDWES. YEMEN WILL, HOWEVER, ATTEMPT TO
MAINTAIN ITS CREDENTIALS AS MEMBER OF THIRD WORLD AND ARAB BLOC.YE-
MEN WILL TAKE FEW OR NO INTIATIVES
IN GENERAL MEETINGS, HAS NO KNOWN DESIRE IN MEMBERSHIP
IN MULTILATERAL BODIES AND HAS NO CANDIDATES IN
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MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS.

3. SAUDI ARABIA COULD EXERCISE A DECISIVE INFLUENCE
OVER YEMENI VOTING PATTERNS AND PUBLIC POSITION IN
UN, PARTICULARLY ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES WHICH HAD NO CONNECTION

WITH THIRD WORLD AND ARAB BLOC VOTES. EVEN ON LATTER
HOWEVER SAUDI VOICE WOULD BE RPT COULD BE DECISIVE IF
SAUDIS CHOOSE TOENLIST OR ALTER ANY GIVEN YEMENI VOTE.
RE FEW KEY VOTES ON WHICH PRC REPRESENTATIVES IN
YEMEN MAY SEEK YEMENI HELP, LONG TIM, GENEROUS AND
HIGHLY RESPECTED CHINES AID WILL MAKE THEIR VOICE T
INFLUENTIAL. HOWEVER, YEMENIS IN GENERAL WILL SHY AWAY

FROM ASSOCIATION WITH RADICAL CHINESE VIEWS

OF MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND EAST-WEST CONFLICT.
YEMEN DOES NTOT RPT NOT ATTEMPT TO EXERT INFLUENCE
COUNTRIES OR GROUP OF COUNTRIES.

4. FULL COUNT ON INTERNATIONAL

MEETINGS CAN NOT RPT NOT BE ASSUMED. INSTRUCTIONS
ARE OFTEN GENERAL AND COMMUNICATIONS ARE VERY RPT VERY
POOR. YARG PERMREP MAKKI LAST YEAR, IN ADDITION,
PLATLY DISOBEYED EXPLICIT IMFTRUCTION ON NUMBER OF
KOREAN VOTES. PERMREP OFFICE IN NEW YORK IS
BURDENED WITH OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES LIKE VISAS AND MAIN-
TAINING CONTACT WITH LARGE YEMENI COMMUNITY IN US.
HOWEVER, UNLIKE IN PAST, PERMREP WILL BE ALSO
BY YARG AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON.

5. YEMEN PRESENTLY LACKS PERMREP IN NEW YORK BUT MAJOR
GOAL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY IS TOAPPOINT MAN WHO WILL
REPORT MORE ABLY AND FULLY THAN IN PAST AND ACCEPT
INSTRUCTIONS.

6. YEMEN IS NORMALLY VERY RECEPTIVE TO US REPRESENTAT-
IONS ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES. IT HAS OCCASIONALLY
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SOLICITED USG SUPPORT THOROUGH EMBASSIES ON MULTILATERAL
AID ISSUEPS AND PRESENT FOREIGN MINISTRY STAFF CONCERNED
WITH UN AFFAIRS IS VERY FRIENDLY, VERY WELL-INFORMED
AND VERY EXPERIENCED AS RESULT OF PRIOR SERVICE IN
WASHINGTON AS WELL AS NEW YORK.
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